







San Diego Public Library

Central Library Programs for December 2008

Programs		
December 1, Monday Film Forum		Priceless (France 2008). A shy young bartender, is mistaken for a millionaire by a beautiful seductress named Irene. When Irene discovers his true identity, she abandons him, only to find that a love-struck Jean has no intention of letting her get away. Jean’s comical attempts to gain her affections gradually evolve into setting himself up as a gigolo at a luxury hotel, until Irene finally starts to warm to her persistent, persuasive suitor. In French with English subtitles. 6:30 p.m., 3 rd Floor Auditorium.
December 3, Wednesday		Leaf (2008). This semi-biographical account of the short NFL career of quarterback Ryan Leaf, who was one of the most highly-rated quarterbacks entered in the NFL’s 1998 player draft and was considered a lock as first or second choice. Leaf was chosen second, by the San Diego Chargers, but signs of trouble surfaced behind the scenes when in answer to a question about how he would handle being such a high draft choice, Leaf proclaimed he would take some buddies to Las Vegas and celebrate madly. It quickly became clear Leaf lacked maturity to lead, and after winning his first two games of the 1998 season his efforts collapsed in a dreadful loss to Kansas City, followed by an infamous screaming encounter with a local reporter. Leaf never accepted the responsibilities of being a leader and his career is considered the worst in the history of the NFL. 6:30 p.m., 3 rd Floor Auditorium.
December 4, Thursday Children’s Program		Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Children’s Room.
December 7, Sunday Sunday Afternoon at the Movies		Inheritance (2008). Imagine watching Schindler’s List and knowing the sadistic Nazi camp commandant played by Ralph Fiennes was your father. Inheritance is the story of Monika Hertwig, the daughter of mass murderer Amon Goeth. Hertwig has spent her life in the shadow of her father’s sins, trying to come to terms with her “inheritance.” She seeks out Helen Jonas-Rosenzweig, who was enslaved by Goeth and who is one of the few living eyewitnesses to his unspeakable brutality. The women’s raw, emotional meeting unearths terrible truths and lingering questions about how the actions of our parents can continue to ripple through generations. 2:00 p.m., 3 rd Floor Auditorium.
December 8, Monday Film Forum		Careless (2007). In this quirky comedy, slacker and mystery buff Wiley Roth gets shaken up when he finds a severed finger on kitchen floor. Wiley, his oddball father and his best friend join forces on an unusual mission to find the finger’s owner. They journey through the bizarre underside of Los Angeles, encountering incompetent police, mysterious neighbors, crooked taxidermists, psychics and a beautiful girl....with a missing finger. Cast: Tony Shaloub, Colin Hanks, Rachel Blanchard, Fran Kranz. 6:30 p.m., 3 rd Floor Auditorium.
December 10, Wednesday Film Forum		Helvetica (2008). Helvetica is a feature-length independent film about typography, graphic design, and global visual culture. It looks at the proliferation of one type face as part of a larger conversation about the way type affects our lives. The film encompasses the worlds of design, advertising, psychology, and communication, and invites us to take a second look at the thousands of words we see every day. 6:30 p.m., 3 rd Floor Auditorium

December 11, Thursday
Children’s Program



Special Program: **Colonial Educator** presents, “Toys and Games of the Colonial Period”. Call Children’s Room at 619-236-5838 for pre-registration. Program will be held in the Children’s Room on the 2nd Floor at 10:30 a.m.

December 14, Sunday
Author Talk



Author Talk: SUSAN HASEGAWA—Japanese Americans in San Diego. *Japanese Americans in San Diego* focuses on the development and evolution of the Japanese American community in San Diego’s South Bay including Chula Vista, National City, and Bonita, the city of San Diego, and Oceanside. Using oral history interviews, archival photographs, and personal testimonies from the archive of the Japanese American Historical Society of San Diego, Ms. Hasegawa brings the story to life. 2:00 p.m., 3rd Floor Auditorium.

Decmeber 15, Monday
Film Forum



Married Life (2007). A macabre comedy of manners with the sting of dry ice, this ensemble piece captures the social climate of America in the late 40s, when a new anxiety and restlessness began to undermine the post war optimism. A New York businessman becomes smitten with a young widow and decides to bump off his devoted wife. Cast: Chris Cooper, Rachel McAdams, Patricia Clarkson, Pierce Brosnan. 6:30 p.m., 3rd Floor Auditorium.

December 17, Wednesday
Children’s Program



Raggle Taggle presents -
“Musical Holidays Around the World”.
10:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Auditorium.



December 17, Wednesday
Author Talk



Author Talk: GLORIA BOILEAU—Stop the Fear: Finding Peace in a Chaotic World. Imagine living without fear. Gloria Boileau’s *Stop the Fear: Finding Peace in a Chaotic World*, is a life-changing book that will “stop the fear” in your own life by surmounting fears, eliminating the voices of self-doubt, realizing your potential, and finding and fulfilling your purpose. Gloria Boileau is an executive coach and a renowned international speaker. 6:30 p.m., Wangenhiem Room.

FYI

“**Film Forum**” will be on vacation from approximately mid-December 2008 to mid-January 2009 for a much needed technical upgrade. The plan calls for new projectors, screen, and sound system. We will keep you posted via a January schedule.